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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's action mailed February 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as shown below:

1. (Amended) A process for modifying flowering in plants comprising transforming the plants with a construct comprising a complete or partial DNA sequence coding for an ATH1 gene product under the control of a promoter functional in plants, wherein the gene product modifies flowering in plants.

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